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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Kerry Gassler at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilpersons: Jon Faust, Nathan Hinton, Todd Beil, George Hinton, Scott Parsons and Tony Curcio. Also in attendance were Borough Engineer Brian Pysher and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent from the meeting was Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Bob Matlock asked the Borough Engineer, Brian Pysher, to report on the condition of Alpha Road as he was directed to look into by Borough Council. Brian reported that trucks do contribute more than regular passenger vehicles. The road is in disrepair, but the road is not restricted, or posted weight limit. He is not sure that the Borough can restrict the trucks from using the road because the road joins a commercial district to an industrial district. If the road were restricted, the Borough would be eliminating a passageway for the property owners. In Brian's opinion, to fix the road right the Borough would need to mill the road down, put a sub-base down, and then repave the entire road. Bob asked if Council has considered restricting the time that the trucks could travel the road, not necessarily restricting the truck traffic entirely. Kerry replied that the Borough Solicitor would have to offer his opinion on that idea.

*George Hinton arrived at 7:35 p.m.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. EMS – Nathan Hinton reported that he received an e-mail from the Ambulance Corps asking him to set up for the floors at the Corps building to be waxed and sealed. It is not the responsibility of the Borough for this maintenance item.

2. Police – George Hinton reported that the rear on the police cruiser has been fixed at a cost of \$842. Scott asked if the light bar on the old car could be sold? Jon said that someone would probably buy it along. George added that it could be added to the list of items that the Fire Company is looking to sell.

3. Streets – George Hinton reported that the street department is continuing to collect leaves when it is dry; they clean out catch basins before it rains and they started putting up the Christmas lights. Todd stated that he heard the new borough truck running and it sounds as if the serpentine belt is squealing and may need replaced. George will look into that since the truck is still under warranty.

4. Zoning – Tony Curcio reported that there is no meeting scheduled for December. Case 3-2007 was a continuance of the hearing on the property at 505 North Lehigh Avenue. The variance was denied for the two principle uses in the R-8 district. They did not provide any proof of hardship. Kerry asked what the Borough's recourse is on the property? Tony replied that the property owner

couldn't rent out his apartments. The Zoning Officer will have to check on the property to make sure he is in compliance.

5. Planning – Todd Beil reported that there was no meeting in November. No new plans have been submitted for December. Mr. Albanese's extension is good until next month and he has been contacted twice regarding his plan. If he does not appear or request another extension the Borough would have to deny the plan. Brian Pysher stated that their plan is ready for approval because they have met all the conditions, but they have not shown up at a Planning meeting for approval from the planning commission.

6. Parks – Nathan Hinton had nothing to report.

7. Fire Company – Jon Faust reported 10 calls in October 2007 for a total of 132 year to date.

8. Sewer Authority – Scott Parsons had nothing to report.

9. 911 – Tony Curcio had nothing to report.

10. Mayor's Report. Mayor Mogilski was absent. Kerry stated that Council received the police report for the month. Any questions should be directed toward the Mayor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was before Council at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Towns at the Gap – Quantity Cost Estimate. Brian Pysher reported that based on the meeting with Scott McMackin, Cowan Associates, Attorney Jim Preston, Manor Haven Corporation Attorney, Ron Karasek, Kerry Gassler, George Hinton, Bob Collura and Brian Pysher, the quantity cost estimate was reviewed and it was decided to update the numbers. One cost estimate is titled Storm Sewer for Alpha Road (the original proposal), where the storm sewer crosses over North Broadway and the second one is titled Storm Sewer Along Broadway (the one Borough Council requested). Kerry asked if the difference of the two estimates, the lump sum is \$200,000 or so thousand. The amount was determined to be the amount of piping they would use to go down Alpha and just swing that amount of pipe to go down Broadway. George added if a cost estimate was done from the cell tower, across North Broadway, down around Cramer's, down Alpha into the catch box (whatever that cost estimate would be) would be subtracted from that number. Discussion regarding the amount of cost would be associated with closing North Broadway to go down Alpha as opposed to running it down the curb down Broadway. George suggested that a meeting be set up with Scott McMackin and PennDOT. Brian reported that Manor Haven had made a submission to PennDOT and made comments on the plans. PennDOT's comment was they want a drainage release form signed by everybody being affected by the water being dumped out on Leroy Albanese's property. PennDOT is requesting this because all the pipes along Broadway are undersized as it is now. Replacing the piping and installing more inlets they will catch more water from the state right-of-way and channel it into the swale on Mr. Albanese's property. Brian spoke with Brian Boyer of PennDOT and if the Borough could show that the water that bypasses the existing inlets just runs down the road to Kerry's property and runs back into the same swale. The property owners affected could be trimmed down from 30 to 15 or so. Brian stated that they would have to go out and do the field work for that entire block to locate all the existing features, existing swales, the road, the existing inlets and get good topography. He estimates that it could take a week in the field to complete with an estimated cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000. Kerry

asked if this is a better way to go. Brian replied that his biggest concern is getting property owners to sign the drainage release form. Kerry asked if the Borough could sign off for everybody? Brian replied that he gets the impression that PennDOT just wants someone to take responsibility. George stated that going down Alpha would add water to a failing pipe that exists behind residents and the water will end up at the same point further down Broadway. Brian to set up a meeting with PennDOT and Scott McMackin.

Brian reported that he contacted the electric company regarding the pole relocation on Nolan Perin's property. Met-Ed could not locate any paperwork for the relocation. Brian will follow up with this issue.

2. Office Floor Replacement Bids. The Borough received three bids to replace the carpet in the meeting room and install vinyl flooring in the office and entrance.

Home Depot	\$3,595
Slate Belt Flooring	\$4,021
Reto	\$6,650

Home Depots bid included cost for carpet removal. Slate Belt and Reto would remove, but would not dispose of the carpeting. Council decided the street workers could remove and dispose the carpet. Todd asked if the window treatments would be replaced. They may be replaced with blinds. The funds will be taken from the Borough building tipping fees.

**On motion** by George Hinton to hire Home Depot to install the carpet and vinyl flooring in the Borough building and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. In favor: T. Beil, T. Curcio, J. Faust, K. Gassler, G. Hinton, S. Parsons. Opposed: N. Hinton. Motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

3. 2008 Borough Budget. Kerry asked if the street lighting budget could be reduced. Louise stated that Met-Ed had proposed an increase and that was the number budgeted, but she will review this line item. Kerry asked if the street engineering line item could be reduced? Council has not received many bills from the Borough Engineer. Louise suggested that funds not used in this line item in 2007 be transferred to Capital Reserve. Kerry asked Council to consider reviewing the Park budget. They are requesting \$15,000 because the landfill tipping fee monies will be decreased next year. Kerry stated that Council had zero in Capital Projects last year from the general budget. Scott asked and Council agreed to move all the street leader and street worker expenses back to the street department. The budget includes an increase for Council members, Council President and the Mayor in the year 2008.

**On motion** by Todd Beil to advertise the 2008 Budget, which includes a tax, increase of .25 to 9.25 mills and seconded by Kerry Gassler. Roll call vote taken. In favor: T. Curcio, J. Faust, K. Gassler, G. Hinton, N. Hinton, T. Beil. Opposed: S. Parsons. Motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

**On motion** by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of November 20, 2007. The meeting of November 20, 2007 adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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Louise Firestone, Borough Administrator